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1. ROBIN GRAY, DEPUTY SECRETARY IN THE DEPT. OF TRADE,
TOLD US ON JULY 30 THAT IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION
BETWEEN DELL AND SOAMES IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 26, MAINLY
REGARDING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE UK
ON ANTIDUMPING, CASPARI OF THE COMMISSION'S DG FOR
EXTERNAL RELATIONS ARGUED THE CASE FOR THE COMMISSION'S
PROPOSAL ON THE COMMON FUND (REF A). CASPARI, AND
SOAMES, FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE
A POSITIVE PROPOSAL OF ITS OWN AND NOT SIMPLY REACT TO
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US OR LDC INITIATIVES. DELL'S RESPONSE WAS THAT IF A

PROPOSAL WERE TO BE MADE BY THE COMMUNITY, IT SHOULD BE ONE THAT HAD A CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. THE COMMISSION'S SCHEME DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO THE G-77.

2. WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THE US POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND, PER REF B. GRAY EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST, AND A LITTLE SURPRISE, THAT THE US STILL HELD A POSITION "OF FIRM OPPOSITION TO THE COMMON FUND." ARMSTRONG

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